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COUNTY APPROVES EXTENSION OF LOOP 303 AT GRAND *MUCH-NEEDED ESTRELLA ROADWAY LINK TO HELP WEST VALLEY TRAVELERS*

(Phoenix) – The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors today approved the extension of the Estrella Roadway (Loop 303) at Grand Avenue which will give West Valley travelers an important north-south link. Maricopa County will build an overpass at the intersection under an agreement with the City of Surprise estimated at \$7 million.

“Once completed, this new and vital transportation link will help address critical traffic problems that congest our local streets,” said District 4 Supervisor Jan Brewer. “This is the first step in the County’s vision of extending Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road.”

Under the project, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation will extend Estrella over the Grand Avenue intersection and the railroad tracks.

The agreement approved today with the city of Surprise calls for the county to design and build the extension followed by a review by the city. The project overlaps unincorporated and incorporated areas.

First conceived as a state artery but later dropped, the county recognized the expressway as a top priority for West Valley travelers in the near and long term and added the project to its list of capital improvement considerations.

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